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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. A civilian airfield was located northeast of the Cheb (N 51/P 37) railroad station toward Karlovy Vary (N 51/P 69). There were three hangars, reinforced concrete structures, which were partially damaged. A concrete taxiway  $30 \text{ m} \times 300 \text{ m}$  in front of the hangars led to a runway about  $60 \text{ m} \times 2,000 \text{ m}$ . Local residents said that there was a radio installation at the field. \*
2. Aircraft of Storch and Messerschmitt types were seen landing at the field. One plane took off daily for Prague. The returning aircraft landed at Marianzke Lazne (N 50/P 56) airfield from where the passengers were transported to Cheb by bus. \*\*
3. A military airfield, which was not fenced in, was located about 2 km from the city limits of Cheb toward Vsedor (N 51/P 37). Antennae were seen at the field. The area of the field was guarded by about 36 soldiers. \*\*\*

\* ☐ Comment. This confirms previous information. It has not been clear which of the two airfields near Cheb is provided with a concrete runway. The present report confirms previous information that a concrete runway and taxiway exist at the civilian airfield north of the town. 25X1

The runway length reported is believed to be overestimated because the size of the field during the war was about  $900 \times 1,400$  meters. According to previous reports, only reconstruction but no extension work has been conducted at the field since the war. 25X1

\*\* ☐ Comment. This information confirms that the airfield is no longer used by planes of airlines. It was previously reported that only aircraft of Storch and Messerschmitt types, aircraft of the GND air force, use the field. These planes are employed for border control flights. 25X1

\*\*\* ☐ Comment. This confirms previous reports covering the period since late 1949 that the Cheb-Hor-Schoen military airfield is not occupied. 25X1

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and that individual aircraft of the SNB air force occasionally land there. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] there was a hangar and four wooden masts with antennae nearby. The previous belief that the military airfield has a concrete runway has not been confirmed. It is considered doubtful that two airfields located close to each other should be provided with concrete runways.

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